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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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AMEMBASSY BONN

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SUBJ: FRANCE-ITALY "WINE WAR" - A MORE RELAXED VIEW

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECOMIN JAN. 21, AMBASSADOR GUAZZARONI  
(MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) EXPRESSED OPTIMISM  
THAT SOLUTION TO QTE WINE WAR UNQTE WOULD BE FOUND SOON.

GUAZZARONI LAID STRESS ON FACT THAT BOTH ITALY AND FRANCE  
HAVE COMMON PROBLEM, I.E. EXCESS OF LOW QUALITY WINE, HENCE

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BOTH HAVE INTEREST IN WORKING FOR SOLUTION WHICH WOULD

BENEFIT BOTH COUNTRIES. NONETHELESS, GUAZZARONI ASSERTED, GOI WILL NOT PERMIT A DECISION ON EC WINE REGULATIONS IN ABSENCE OF QUID PRO QUO IN TERMS OF FRENCH MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST IMPORTS OF ITALIAN WINE.

2. GUAZZARONI FELT THAT EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS WOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY IMPORTANT MEDIATING ROLE IN DISPUTE, SINCE HE NOW WELL AWARE OF VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO ITALIAN TACTICS, GUAZZARONI STATED THAT ITALY WOULD NOT RETALIATE AGAINST FRANCE. REPORTS THAT SUCH ACTION BEING CONSIDERED BY GOI INTENDED, HE STATED, TO PUT PRESSURE ON GOF. IN REALITY, HE ADDED, THIS WOULD BE QTE BAD ROAD UNQTE TO TAKE AND, IN ANY EVENT, FACT THAT ITALY'S WINE EXPORTS TO FRANCE INCREASED IN 1975 WEAKENED ITALIAN POSITION. VOLPE

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